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FOR: CERAMIC HEATER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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3. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to claim 1, wherein said ceramic  
substrate comprises a nitride ceramic or a carbide ceramic.

*a*  
4. (Amended) The ceramic heater according to claim 1, wherein said insulating  
covering comprises oxide glass.